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DISTRICT DOINGS

Offering a respite from the oppressive midwestern heat, the beaches of our lakes have been doing a big business. Along with giving the stifled city folks a chance to get outdoors, the lakes have been a boon in several other ways. Rend Lake may have prevented a major fish kill by stepping up oxygen-laden releases to help the downstream fishery, and at the same time, the water supply demand for the 53 towns and cities has been hitting record highs.

The heat hasn't stopped some very special programs held at the lakelands and waters by our staff folks.

At Lake Shelbyville, the all-time favorite visitor Woodsy Owl has put in his appearance, much to the delight of the younger set. His anti-litter messages and anti-pollution talks have been very popular. Woodsy (Don Brown) visited with the patients at Shelby Hospital, and Woodsy (Karen Uyeno) and Larry Gutzler gave the Busy Bee School children a program. Larry also spoke on snakes to 18 members of the Exchange Club of Mattoon. Twenty-eight youngsters from the Neoga Title I School were treated to talks, tours, and games by Maria DiBiasco, Karen Uyeno, Larry Gutzler, and Andre Williams. The Toledo Summer Recreation Program was highlighted by presentations from Maria DiBiasco, Paige Ritterbusch and Larry Gutzler. Paige and Don Brown paired to conduct a nature walk for the Shelby County Rehabilitation Center visitors, who then heard a wildflower talk by Larry Gutzler and Karen Uyeno.

The Summer Recreation Programs keep the staff very busy, and Larry Gutzler, Paige Ritterbusch, Cindy Samples, Don Brown, Andre Williams, Rachel Garren, and Maureen Murrin held a big program with nature games for the Shelbyville group. The Arthur Summer Program got a boost from talks and tours by Paige Ritterbusch, Maria DiBiasco, and Cindy Samples.

Pre-schoolers, too, had some treats with Rachel Garren and Maureen Murrin doing two programs for 65 tots from Sullivan. Larry Gutzler, Don Brown, Andre Williams, and Maureen Murrin did the nature walks for the group.

Jerry Parker gave a talk to the Hidden Springs YCC staff. Betsy Lookofsky, Maria DiBiasco and Larry Gutzler helped with Woodsy at the Shelbyville Story Hour session.

... All of these, plus lots of staff helped at the exhibit at the Shelby County 4-H and Junior Fair, and a special water safety week at the Lake's three big beaches.

Water safety was the big topic for Carlyle, too, with Mark Giacoletto and Phil Frost doing a program for 175 sun and swim people, and Nancy Scharlemann for 150 at another spot. Marcia Hall conducted a dam tour for 22 members of the Messiah Lutheran Church, and Nancy Scharlemann toured with seven from the Hoyelton Children's Home.

Four talks for 100 Camp Joy Boy Scouts about endangered species, birds, snakes, and the Wildlife Management Program at Carlyle were featured by Phil Frost, Mark Giacoletto and Marcia Hall. Paul Molla, Phil Frost, Cheryl Olson and Nancy Scharlemann gave four more for the Murray Developmental Center. The whole staff pitched in to host the St. Clair County Fair exhibit in Belleville.

At Cannon, Jay Riley talked to nine visiting sisters from the Catholic Church in Hannibal, and then, along with Debbie Moyer, Jody Nelson, and Greg Miller gave orientations and tours for several church groups, the YCC and the Positive Peer Culture group.

YCC groups at Rend Lake heard a group of talks by the staff members. Chris Johnson spoke about wolves, Joni Dawn Colle on bees, Ray Zoanetti about the management program, and Chris about Ranger duties, to the Youth Conservation groups. Dave Shiley talked to the Mount Vernon High and Dahlgren Methodist Church visitors. Celine French hosted the West Frankfort 4-H and staffed the exhibit for 727 visitors at the Whittington Fair. Chris Johnson spoke to 20 Zeigler Senior Citizens.

River conditions being low during the drought season and complicated back-ups at Locks and Dam No. 26 made the media last month; and radio interviews on KSD and KMOX featured Clyde Wilkes and Mel Doernhoefer. TV shots on Channels 4, 5, and 11 were made by Wally Feld and Mel Doernhoefer. Dick Ford did an update on the Cannon construction work on KSDK's "Newsbeat" show.

Terry Norris, spoke to the Centenary Methodist Church group on St. Louis archaeology. Jimmy Bissell and Jim Fogilphol were hosts to a visiting delegation from the Illinois Farm Bureau. Mel Doernhoefer spoke about the District and Locks and Dam No. 26 to the Webster Groves Rotary and the Overland Rotary, while Bill Sutton told the No. 26 story to the Downtown St. Louis Kiwanis.

The District was host to Mr. Y. Osada from Japan. Mr. Osada spent two weeks observing the dredging program at the new locks locations and aboard the Ste. Genevieve. He will be returning to Japan in January to forward the deep water dredge program there.

Gary Dyhouse presented a paper at the Watershed Mangement Symposium of ASCE in Boise, Idaho, about the Harding Ditch Sedimentation Study, "Case Study on Stream Disposition and Changing Land Use."

Shelbyville earned a special Certificate of Merit for their work on Keep America Beautiful Day.

With so many folks out, and in the water to escape the heat, **SAFETY** is the **BIG** word. Let's all pitch in to keep our lakes a safe place to recreate.

TOASTMASTERS NEWS

The SLED Toastmasters are planning a special humorous speech program for their meeting on 8 September. Visitors are invited to attend and to help pick a winner from among the many speakers who will be vying for a special club award.

The meeting will begin at 12 noon in Room 1040 and will last for about one hour. The club has regular "brown-bag" noon meetings on the first and third Mondays of the month in Room 1040. People interested in developing their speaking, listening, and leadership skills are always welcome, as are the idle curiosity seekers, and those who are just looking for a cool place to sit down and eat lunch.

*Submitted by: Ron Lindsay
Educational V.P., SLED Toastmasters*

OPERATION SECURITY (OPSEC)

A recent message from OCE reiterates the necessity for continued District emphasis on Operation Security. Recent Army exercises, operational planning, and associated unclassified message traffic and non-secure phone coordination have unnecessarily disclosed significant operational capabilities and procedures. This is valuable information to potential enemies and directly affects mission success as well as our potential losses in both material and personnel. Intelligence is the prime question of a commander, soldier, and civilian employee. OPSEC emphasis is needed at every level to ensure we protect all information that can in any way signal friendly plans, capabilities, or readiness posture to hostile observers.

The open nature of our society increases the probability that our military intentions and capabilities will be compromised. We must closely guard information relating to emergency deployment readiness exercise procedures to ensure vital information is not provided to unintended interests.

HEALTH BENEFITS

The newest pamphlets, "Blue Cross - Health on a Budget," and Aetna's "For Your Benefit," are available in PB-S, Room 958.

JUSTIFICATION FOR NIGHT SCHOOL COURSES

Effective immediately all requests for training (DD Form 1556) in night school courses must be accompanied by a brief justification for the training. This may be written on plain bond and stapled to the DD 1556. The justification must indicate the purpose for the training and relationship to the present or future duties of the employee.

Remember that to qualify for 100% tuition assistance the course must be directly job related. To quote, "... justified in terms of improved skills, knowledges, and abilities in performance of present assignment, a planned future assignment, or is in direct support upward mobility."

TO: The LMVD/MRC Employees

I cannot leave the Lower Mississippi Valley Division and the Commission and retire from the United States Army without thanking you all for your devotion to your missions, your tremendous personal support of the Command Goals and Objectives and your cooperation and friendship. These past three years have been most rewarding to me, both professionally and personally, in large measure because of our service together in a region of our Nation where our vital work is needed, understood and generally appreciated.

As many of you know, I intend to continue working in the water resources arena and will be based in Jackson, MS, so hopefully our paths will cross.

Good luck and may God bless you all.



R. C. MARSHALL
Major General, USA
Division Engineer

FEDERAL FURNITURE FREEZE

As you may be aware, the furniture situation throughout the Federal Government is in a state of confusion. The Office of Management and Budget (OMB) has ruled that no new furniture may be procured until further notice. In June, the St. Louis District participated (through OCE) in establishing the Department of Army (DA) and the Department of Defense (DOD) Furniture Requirements Expense Plan for FY 81. Once the DOD plan is accepted by OMB, further direction on furniture procurement will be issued.

Due to increased staffing during the summer months, there is currently no excess furniture in storage. However, we are still receiving requirements for additional desks, chairs, etc. Please survey your areas and notify us if you have any furniture items currently not in use. We will arrange for distribution to those who have an immediate need. We must all work together on this problem, because it will probably be some time before furniture procurement occurs.

FROM: BARBARA L. COLLIER, Chief, OAS

ARMY MEDICS

The Army medical field can provide different kinds of opportunity to motivated students with an interest in this diverse field. For some with the necessary talent and ambition, it can be the first step toward medical school. For others, it can mean varied, fulfilling assignments in the Army, in medical care and treatment, laboratory testing and analysis, and fabrication and repair of prosthetic appliances. For all who qualify, there is the opportunity to learn under excellent instructors, to work with the most modern equipment, and to help others.

Those who plan to go to college first, then make health and medicine a career, can look forward to gaining valuable experience in the Army after training as health professionals, if they qualify and are interested.

Bratton nominated next chief of engineers

Maj. Gen. Joseph K. Bratton was nominated last week by President Carter to be the next Chief of Engineers. Bratton has also been nominated to the grade of Lieutenant General.

When confirmed by the Senate, he will succeed Lt. Gen. John W. Morris, the current Chief of Engineers, on the first of October.

Gen. Morris, who will retire September 30, announced that Gen. Bratton will serve as Deputy Chief of Engineers in August and September. Maj. Gen. James A. Johnson, the current Deputy Chief of Engineers, will retire July 31.

Gen. Bratton is currently the Division Engineer, South Atlantic Division at Atlanta, Ga.

As Chief of Engineers, Gen. Bratton will direct the Corps' multi-billion dollar program which includes:

- engineering, construction, and management programs in support of the U.S. Army and Air Force,

- national investment program for water resource development,

- major nation-building program in Saudi Arabia which is fully funded by that government,

- construction of two air bases in Israel, and

- potential assistance in water resource development for more than two dozen friendly governments.

His command assignments have included the 24th engineer battalion with the 4th Armored Division in Europe and Commander of the 159th Engineer Group in Vietnam.

His staff assignments have included Director of Military Application for the Department of Energy, Washington, D.C.; Chief of Nuclear Activities, Supreme Headquarters of Allied Powers, Europe; Executive to the Supreme Allied Commander in Europe; Secretary to the Joint Chiefs of Staff; and Military Assistant to the Secretary of the Army. He also served in the War Plans Division, Plans Directorate, Office of

the Deputy Chief of Staff for Military Operations; and with the Division of Reactor Development, Atomic Energy Commission.

Gen. Bratton is a 1948 graduate of the U.S. Military Academy at West Point. He holds a Master's degree in nuclear engineering from Massachusetts Institute of Technology. He is a graduate of the Army Command and General Staff College and the Army War College.

Among his military awards are the Defense Distinguished Service Medal, the Army Distinguished Service Medal, three Legions of Merit, two Bronze Star medals, the Joint Service Commendation Medal, two Air medals, and four Army Commendation medals. He has also received the Department of Energy Distinguished Service Award.

A native of St. Paul, Minn., Gen. Bratton is married to the former Louise A. Skelly of Terre Haute, Ind. They have five children.

CONTINUING EDUCATION FOR FEDERAL EMPLOYEES

The St. Louis Region Office of Personnel Management and the Federal Executive Board of St. Louis have developed a booklet which is a "Catalog of Undergraduate and Graduate Programs Offered By St. Louis Area Colleges." This 44-page catalog identifies all of the colleges in the Greater St. Louis area, their various programs, tuition costs, and other data necessary to provide prospective students with a handy source of information. The booklets are free on a "first-come, first served" basis in the District Library, Room 944.



PROMOTIONS:

Gary M. Turner, CD-I,
Supervisory Civil Engineer, GS0810-13

Farrell E. Burnett Jr., RO-C,
Supervisory Civil Engineer, GS0810-13

Dennis D. Morgan, ED-FS,
Civil Engineering Technician, GS0802-09

Elsie M. Kalafatich, RE-P,
Realty Specialist, GS1170-09

Warren L. McCoy, RE-A,
Supervisory Realty Specialist, GS1170-12

Larry H. Green, RO-C,
Supervisory Geologist, GS1450-12

Dennis Austin, OD-NC,
2nd Assistant Engineer, WS5914-09

Maureen C. Chappuis, OD-R,
Secretary Stenography, GS0318-05

Darrel A. Gambill, OD-RC,
Electrician, WG2805-10

Thaddeus J. Zielonka, RO-C,
Geologist, GS1350-09

James A. Lamkins, ED-P,
Civil Engineer, GS0810-11

Lee C. White, ED-FM,
Civil Engineering Technician,
GS0802-08

Jo Ann Gray, PD,
Program Clerk Typing, GS0303-04

Fazal Q. Khattak, ED-FS,
Civil Engineer, GS0810-11

Robert L. Bringer, ED-DA,
Computer Systems Analyst, GS0334-09

Francis M. Opfer, ED-HE,
Hydraulic Engineer, GS0810-11

Charles W. Brooks, AC-O,
Supervisory Computer Operator,
GS0332-09

OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCE RATING:

Harold L. Duggins, OD-RJ
Charles W. Dees, OD-RR
Thaddeus J. Zielonka, RO-C
Loren E. Christofferson, ED-DS
Katharine A. Hayes, AS-L

QUALITY STEP INCREASE:

Gary L. Groenemann, RO-F
Faro R. Rodakowski, ED-BE

SUSTAINED SUPERIOR PERFORMANCE AWARD:

Norma Kosta, PB
Kenneth B. Christmas, RO-F

QUALITY STEP INCREASE/ OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCE RATING:

Juanita J. Jarrett, RE-M

SUSTAINED SUPERIOR PERFORMANCE AWARD/ OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCE RATING:

Alexander P. Watts, Jr., OD-NL
James C. Creech, AS-G
J. Lawrence Barnett, OC
Mark S. Schneider, CD

SPECIAL ACT/SERVICE:

In recognition of exceptional performance and contributions to the Lock and Dam 26 Replacement Trial, the following individuals received Special Act Awards:

Anson G. Eickhorst, ED-BE
William R. Sutton, ED-Z
Eugene A. Degenhardt, ED-BP
William J. O'Herin, OC
Kirby B. Fowler, ED-BE
Bruce H. Moore, ED-F
Thomas J. Mudd, ED-DA
Kenneth R. Koller, ED-Z
Owen D. Dutt, ED-BA
Richard F. Mankus, ED-BE

Barbara A. Boswell, PB-R, received a Special Service Award in recognition of her significant contribution during the development and compilation of the FY80 District Affirmative Action Program Plan.



SUGGESTIONS:

James L. Carey, formerly ED-FI, will receive a check for \$140 for his adopted suggestion that recommended purchasing a 300' electrical cable for use with the Digitilt mag-tape unit allowing technicians to obtain readings while leaving the unit in a stationary position. This suggestion was implemented February 1980 and results in intangible benefits of substantial potential value and estimated first-year tangible benefits of \$400.

Edmond D. Rogers, OD-PB, will receive a cash award of \$35 for a suggestion that recommended installation of grease fittings for the pintle, insuring proper gate operation with minimal wear of the pintles and pintle castings. This suggestion was implemented February 1980 and results in estimated first-year tangible benefits of \$340.

Congratulations to the following individuals who received cash awards for their suggestions resulting in intangible benefits:

Joseph G. Hobbs, OD-NL, \$25
 John D. Hipes, OD-NL, \$30
 Dennis P. Woolsey, AS-G, \$25
 H. Dave Frank, OD-B, \$25
 Daniel W. Flippen, CD, \$100
 Roger W. Loughridge, OD-RJ, \$25

The following employees received Certificates for their suggestions:

Michael S. Moran, OC
 Otto K. Steffens, RO-C
 Leon F. Leach, OD-R
 C. Larry Roskilly, RO-C
 Kevin P. Long, OD-RJ
 Betty Jo Yuncker, AC
 Larry W. Jenneman, ED-BU
 Julia E. Head, OD-RC
 Ralph D. White, ED-DG

REMEMBER TO SUBMIT YOUR SUGGESTIONS!

SLED GOLF LEAGUE FINAL STANDINGS-SECOND HALF

1. Sand Blasters
2. Scramblers
3. Duffers
4. Service Base
5. F-Troop
6. Bogey Barons
7. Lock and Dam
8. Operations

Members of the champion Sand Blasters are:

Nick Simon, Captain
 Joe Doherty
 Walt Billups
 Elmer Huizenga
 Charlie Tribout
 Vic Behrman
 Walt Snow
 Jack Eckles

In a play-off between the first and second half winners, the Sand Blasters defeated the Service Base and are the 1980 Golf Champions. Operations defeated Scramblers for 3rd place.

CONGRATULATIONS

Dan Marshall (ED-DA) recently completed the Water Resources Planning Associates Program at Fort Belvoir, Virginia. LTG John W. Morris, Chief of Engineers, presented the graduation certificate to Dan.

To the fellow who says nothing is impossible: "Did you ever try getting off a mailing list?"

Air pollution will probably remain a problem until it begins to interfere with television reception.

ARE YOU AN ALCOHOLIC? TAKE THIS TEST

By RONALD KOTULAK

A simple test devised by Mayo Clinic physicians has been found to be highly accurate in identifying people with serious drinking problems.

Called the Self-Administered Alcoholism Screening Test (SAAST), it has been tested on 1,002 patients with remarkable results, said Dr. Richard D. Hurt of Mayo's Division of Community Internal Medicine.

"The test dramatically increases the possibility of detecting the patient with an alcohol problem," he reported in the current issue of the Mayo Clinic Proceedings.

The test has 29 questions that can be answered with yes or no. A person who scores 7 through 9 on the test is thought to represent possible alcoholism, and a score of 10 or higher denotes probable alcoholism, Hurt said. Here is the test:

1. Do you enjoy a drink now and then? (If you never drink alcoholic beverages and have no previous experience with drinking, do not continue this questionnaire.)
2. Do you feel you are a normal drinker (that is, drink no more than average)?
3. Have you ever awakened in the morning after drinking the night before and found that you could not remember a part of the evening?
4. Do close relatives ever worry or complain about your drinking?
5. Can you stop drinking without a struggle after one or two drinks?
6. Do you ever feel guilty about your drinking?
7. Do friends or relatives think you are a normal drinker?
8. Are you always able to stop drinking when you want to?
9. Have you ever attended a meeting of Alcoholics Anonymous because of your drinking?
10. Have you gotten into physical fights when drinking?
11. Has your drinking ever created problems between you and your wife, husband, parents or a near relative?
12. Has your wife, husband or other family member ever gone to anyone for help about your drinking?
13. Have you ever lost friendships because of your drinking?
14. Have you ever gotten into trouble at work because of drinking?
15. Have you ever lost a job because of drinking?
16. Have you ever neglected your obligations, your family, or your work for two or more days in a row because of drinking?
17. Do you ever drink in the morning?
18. Have you ever felt the need to cut down on your drinking?

19. Have there been times in your adult life when you found it necessary to avoid alcohol completely?
20. Have you ever been told you have liver trouble?
21. Have you ever had delirium tremens (DTs)?
22. Have you ever had severe shaking, heard voices or seen things that were not there after heavy drinking?
23. Have you ever gone to anyone for help about your drinking?
24. Have you ever been in a hospital because of drinking?
25. Have you ever been told by a doctor to stop drinking?
26. **A.** Have you ever been a patient in a psychiatric hospital or on a psychiatric ward of a general hospital? **B.** Was drinking part of the problem that resulted in your hospitalization?
27. **A.** Have you ever been a patient at a psychiatric or a mental health clinic or gone to any doctor, social worker, or clergyman for help with any emotional problem? **B.** Was drinking part of the problem?
28. Have you ever been arrested, even for a few hours, because of: **A.** Drunken behavior (not driving)? How many times? **B.** Driving while intoxicated? How many times?
29. Have any of the following relatives ever had problems with alcohol? **A.** Parents. **B.** Brothers or sisters. **C.** Husband or wife. **D.** Children.

For scoring purposes, all answers are yes except Nos. 2, 5, 7 and 8. For each of your answers that agrees with score answer, give yourself one point.

A score of 7 through 9 is thought to represent possible alcoholism. A score of 10 or higher denotes probable alcoholism.

SECURITY

Answer to last month's intelligence quiz: "Unless so authorized, a telephone directory or any other directive or publication pertaining to the District, should not be released. Extreme caution should also be used in releasing information to outside sources unless cleared by the Public Affairs Office."

OCE has recently published a pamphlet, EP 360-1-12, "International Capabilities — The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers." One of the main purposes is to provide copies to Corps employees who are attending international conferences and meetings abroad, so that foreign officials will be made more aware of the Corps capabilities. The Security Office has requisitioned this pamphlet so if you are planning to attend an international conference or meeting abroad, stop by the Security Office and pick one up.

The Security Office has received a limited number of Crime Prevention pamphlets, "How to Crimeproof Your Home." The information provided is excellent. Stop by and get one.

Supervisors requesting security clearances are reminded that a copy of the face sheet (first page), Standard Form 171 or 173, must accompany the request. In addition, a copy of applicant's birth certificate, which will be returned, must be furnished. Personnel Office (PB-S), should be contacted in regard to SF 171 and 173.

Don't forget our new employees in the District. They need your help in getting off to a good start and impression of the District.

"You can tell a man's character by the way he treats those who cannot conceivably do him any good."

Will Rogers.

HYDAR'S HAPPENINGS

SEVEN WONDERS OF THE WORLD

The Seven Wonders of the World are sights of the ancient world as listed by Antipator of Sidon, a writer in the second century of B.C. All were built B.C., and only one remains in existence today. Although new wonders can be added to this list, these seven are the original Seven Wonders of the World. They are called "Wonders," because of the size of the structure and the articulate and ornate way they were built. How many of these "Wonders" can be emulated today?

1. Pyramids of Egypt. Many pyramids were built in Egypt, but the most famous ones were located along a 50 mile stretch of the Nile Valley, near Memphis. The most famous are the three great pyramids of Khufu, Khafre, and Menkaure at Giza. These pyramids are the oldest of the "Wonders." (They date back to 2686-2160 B.C.), and are the only ones of seven substantially in existence today. They were built by 2 million slave laborers. Perfect structures, so perfect that some say they were built with the help of a more civilized race than was in existence on this earth.
2. Hanging Gardens of Babylon (roof gardens, not really hanging). They were laid out on a series of rising terraces irrigated by pumps from the Euphrates; ascribed to King Nebuchadnezzar II (600 B.C.).
3. Statue of Zeus at Olympia. This statue was more than 30 feet high and plated with gold and ivory, showing the god on an ornate throne. It was made in 430 B.C. by Phidias of Athens and destroyed in the 5th Century, A.D.
4. Temple of Artemis at Ephesus. This was built in 550 B.C. by Croesus, King of Lydia, and rebuilt in 356. It was famous for its size (more than 300 by 150 feet and also known for the works of art that adorned it. The temple was destroyed by the Goths in 262.
5. Mausoleum of Halicarnassus. This was a monumental tomb of Mausolus built by his widow, Artemisia. He was an Anatolian king of the 4th Century B.C. If you ever happen to be visiting the British Museum in England, fragments are preserved in the museum.
6. Colossus of Rhodes. This was an iron-reinforced bronze statue measuring about 100 feet high. It was built in honor of the sun god in commemoration of the raising of the siege of Rhodes (305-304 B.C.). It was built by Demetrius Poliorcetes, who later became King of Macedonia. It was built from 292 to 280 B.C., toppled to the ground during an earthquake in 225, and was taken apart and sold for scrap by the Arabs in 653 A.D.
7. Pharos of Alexandria. This was a lighthouse of the ancient world. It was built for Ptolemy II of Alexandria in 280 B.C. on the island of Pharos off Alexandria. It was constructed in three stages with a spiral ramp to the beacon. It was over 440 feet high. It was destroyed in the 12th Century A.D.

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Excerpts from a Sunday church bulletin, July 20, 1941: "Next Sunday the Ladies Aid will serve a chicken dinner in the Church Hall beginning at 12:30. Adults 50¢, children 25¢.

ARMY RECRUITING — SUCCESSFUL IN ST. LOUIS

Major General Maxwell R. Thurman, Commander of the United States Army Recruiting Command, came to St. Louis from his Chicago headquarters on June 14th to present the USAREC Recruiting Ring, Army recruiting's highest award, to Sergeant 1st Class Charles Lawson. Sergeant 1st Class Lawson, Assistant Area Commander for the St. Charles Recruiting Area, is no stranger to high honors. In January, 1979, he triumphed over 6200 recruiters throughout the country for the title of "Recruiter of the Year" for 1978.

Sergeant 1st Class Lawson's individual achievements are a reflection of the distinguished success that area Army and Army Reserve recruiters have attained. For the 1980 fiscal year, Active Army recruiters in the U.S. Army St. Louis District Recruiting Command — which covers eastern Missouri and Southern Illinois — are currently at nearly 109% of their assigned objective. Army Reserve recruiters stand at nearly 125%. Last fiscal year, the St. Louis District Recruiting Command topped the 13 commands in the Midwest Region by exceeding its assignment in every enlistment category.

The St. Louis District Recruiting Command has achieved its notable success through the efforts of its winning combination of capable recruiters and competent leaders. Two attributes characterize the member of this winning team — perseverance and flexibility.

The Army recruiters' perseverance and dedication are evident in the amount of time that they devote to their work. Recruiting is not an 8 to 5 job. The successful recruiter must be available whenever he can talk to young people and their families.

Flexibility is a crucial trait for a successful recruiter. As the specific manpower needs of the Army change, recruiters must be able to shift their efforts to new priorities. It also requires a flexible attitude to keep up with the many new programs that the Army offers. The Army is continually upgrading the package of opportunities that enlistees can choose from in its effort to attract the best young people to the most essential skills.

You can help the recruiters by bolstering confidence in the Army and the people who comprise it. When malicious rumors about new enlistees and the quality of their life are spread, young people become less likely to enlist and parents become more likely to discourage children considering the Army. While problems do exist and should not be ignored, too often they are exaggerated for sensational purposes.

Use your influence with community and youth leaders to convince them of the worth of Army service to young people and to the nation. Teachers, counselors, coaches, clergymen, and others can be invaluable assets to the recruiting effort.

Manning the Army with capable people is the first step in keeping our nation's defenses strong. Your local Army recruiters are doing their part. You can make their work easier and, in so doing, help keep America secure.

FOUND

A family man is one who has replaced the currency in his wallet with snapshots.

Set of five keys, on a key ring with the Oldsmobile logo, found in Post No. 1 station wagon. See Dennis Woolsey (AS-G).

"The meek shall inherit the earth — because they won't have the nerve to refuse it." — Jackie Vernon

TEST YOUR SAFETY IQ

1. A fire extinguisher, rated not less than 2-A, shall be provided for each 3000 square feet of building area?
TRUE FALSE
2. One portable fire extinguisher having a rating of not less than 10-BC shall be provided on tank trucks?
TRUE FALSE
3. Emergency telephone numbers are required to be conspicuously posted?
TRUE FALSE
4. How often should welding apparatus and equipment be inspected?
a. Daily b. Weekly c. Monthly
5. Each welding unit shall be equipped with a compatible fire extinguisher?
TRUE FALSE
6. Welding torches and hoses are to be removed from confined spaces whenever work is suspended?
TRUE FALSE
7. Noncurrent carrying metal parts of electric welders are to be grounded?
TRUE FALSE
8. Electric welder cables with splices within 10 feet of the holder are prohibited?
TRUE FALSE
9. Entrances to transformer banks shall be locked at all times?
TRUE FALSE
10. It is permissible to work on energized lines if proper protective equipment is used?
TRUE FALSE

1. T, 2. F(20-BC), 3. T, 4. A, 5. T, 6. T, 7. T, 8. T, 9. T, 10. T



The following is a report from the Omaha District. It should be a warning to all of us.

ABSTRACT REPORT OF MISHAP CSGPA-1129

PLACE: Rural Highway

TIME: 1510 hrs.
22 May 1980

AGENCY: Corps of Engineers and Private Vehicle

PERSONNEL CATEGORY: Army Civilian Employee

DETAILS OF OCCURRENCE:

Government sedan traveling east on a level, paved highway was struck broadside on the passenger side door by a private sedan entering from a gravel road. Government vehicle was spun around by the impact. Vehicle entered a broad, shallow ditch, struck a concrete culvert that extended approximately 12 inches above the ground with the right rear tire and flipped on its top. The driver was found beside the vehicle.

NATURE AND NUMBER OF INJURIES: Fatal, one. Broken neck.

CAUSE:

1. Direct cause: Government vehicle was struck broadside by private vehicle entering highway from a side road controlled by a stop sign.
2. Indirect Cause: Government vehicle flipped when it struck a low obstruction in the roadside ditch and driver apparently was thrown out.

REMARKS:

1. The short distance traveled after impact indicates the Government driver's speed was not excessive.
2. There were no skid marks to indicate that brakes had been applied.
3. The private driver told the Highway Patrol she did not see the Government vehicle.
4. Visibility was unlimited for at least a half mile in all directions.
5. Private driver and three children were not injured.
6. The Government vehicle was white and the Highway Patrol indicated it may have blended into flat horizon, light sky and grasslands bleached by a drought.
7. The exterior of the body of the Government vehicle was damaged, but the passenger compartment was reasonably intact.
8. The seat belt was found buckled across the front seat.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. Reemphasize wearing of seat belts and defensive driving training.
2. Consider purchase of Government vehicles in a color other than white.
3. Consider a "lights on" requirement for Government vehicles operated during daylight hours.

CORPS EMPLOYEES AWAIT "ELECTRONIC PAYCHECKS"

Electronic paychecks?

Don't let it shock you, but that's what will be available to Corps of Engineers employees all across the country by August 20.

By that date, the Omaha District's Corps of Engineers Central Payroll Office will implement the new Direct Deposit Electronic Funds Transfer (DDEFT) program.

The new payment program will electronically credit personal bank accounts via the Federal Reserve Bank computer system.

Its key features, according to Major Grant Fredricks, coordinator of the new program, are safety, convenience and reliability.

"Mail delays and postal strikes won't have any effect," he said. "The computer sends the money to the employee's bank and it's ready for him on Wednesday morning when the bank opens," he said, adding that more than 99 percent of the institutions in the country are electronically equipped to process DDEFT transactions..

Fredricks said the DDEFT program is much more convenient and reliable than the current composite program.

"All the people signed up for the composite checking program have their accounts credited for net pay when the bank receives a composite check in the mail.

"But with the new program it's done more quickly and more safely. Its reliability will sell itself to Corps employees," he said.

The new system limits the possibility of check loss, theft, and forgery while also reducing Government spending. Government fees, production costs, and overhead will also be greatly reduced by implementation of the program.

"It is," says Fredricks, "the system of the '80s."

It is a tested system as well, he added. The Social Security System has been handling payments electronically since the mid-'70s, he pointed out.

TORNADO SAFETY MEANS COMMON SENSE

Salient facts emerged from the post-tornado survey. Among them:

- The safest place to be was in an interior room of a dwelling, such as a bathroom, covered with blankets, pillows, or a mattress to reduce the risk of injury from falling or flying debris.
- The most dangerous place to be was in a vehicle attempting to outrun or escape the tornado. Altogether, 26 percent of the deaths directly caused by injury were to people in cars. Of the 59 serious injuries, 30, or 51 percent, were to people in cars.
- Contrasted to the risk of death or serious injury to those in vehicles (23 in 1,000) the risk to those who remained indoors in stationary homes was much lower (3 in 1,000), provided they took simple precautions.
- The risk to those in mobile homes was appreciably higher (85 in 1,000).

ACCIDENT SUMMARY

JULY 1980

VEHICLE ACCIDENTS FOR JULY 1980: One

Total vehicle accidents for CY 1980: Four

While driving west on I-70 an employee had an apparent insulin reaction and struck a private vehicle twice in the rear end. No damage was done. He then made an exit off the highway and struck the rear end of a tractor trailer causing extensive damage to the government vehicle. There were no injuries.

Total vehicle accidents for CY 1979: Nine

PERSONAL INJURIES — CONTRACTOR EMPLOYEES — JULY 1980: None

Total accidents for CY 1980: Two

Total accidents for CY 1979: Three

PERSONAL INJURIES — GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES — JULY 1980: None

Total accidents for CY 1980: Eight

Total accidents for CY 1979: Eight

LAKE FATALITIES FOR JULY 1980: Four

Total lake fatalities for CY 1980: Six

Lake Shelbyville — 3

Carlyle Lake — 3

Alan Donaldson, 31, was swimming with his brother and a friend at Lake Shelbyville. He became exhausted swimming back from exterior line of buoys at 9th Street Beach and drowned.

While boating at Carlyle Lake a large wave caused a boat with seven occupants to swamp, fill with water and capsize. Only two small children were wearing life jackets. Marie Gaston, 52, one of the occupants soon tired and was no longer able to remain afloat. Ms Gaston was pronounced dead at St. Joseph's Hospital.

Byron Harold, 20, had been picknicking at Carlyle Lake with his mother, a cousin and some friends. He decided to go swimming and after several minutes he called for help and sank beneath the surface of the water and drowned.

Dennis Jamison, 29, was boating with two friends and his brother at Carlyle Lake. They pulled into Green Meadow Cove to eat but Dennis decided to go swimming alone. He waded across the cove and apparently stepped into water over his head and drowned. Mr. Jamison and his friends had been drinking most of the day.

Total lake fatalities for CY 1979: Seven
Carlyle Lake — 2
Lake Shelbyville — 4
Lock and Dam #25 — 1

WAYWARD WORDS

More selections from papers circulating around the headquarters.

"... the ship lost control and ..." What was the ship controlling when it lost control? If there are ships controlling themselves on the Mississippi, someone should tell us about them.

"... sank beneath the surface of the water and DROWN." The past tense of "drown" is "drowned."

"Members of the board and MYSELF are extending ..." "Myself" is not a substitute for "I" or "me."

Several instances were noted in which a colon (:) was used, followed by a word beginning with a lower-case letter. When a colon is followed by a word, rather than a symbol, the initial letter of that word should be capitalized.

"She does not know the results ... nor did not know, in fact ..." This might be termed a compound double negative. It apparently should have read, "She does not know the results...nor did she know, in fact..."

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